

Proposed Resolution for Endorsement by the San Diego City Council

WHEREAS, the right to free speech afforded by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution is the bedrock of our democracy; and

WHEREAS, this right to free speech applies to people, not corporations; and

WHEREAS, corporations very clearly are not people but are entities created by the laws of states and nations; and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court's ruling in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission (2010) 130 S. Ct. 876 deemed corporations to be people; and

WHEREAS, the Citizens United decision by the Supreme Court overturned a longstanding precedent prohibiting corporations from using general treasury funds to influence our elections, candidate selection, and policy decisions; and

WHEREAS, since the Citizens United ruling, Americans have witnessed a massive influx of corporate money into our political process that is without precedent in our nation's history; and

WHEREAS, the Citizens United case directly impacts state and local efforts to control the influence of corporate money in their own elections; and

WHEREAS, the Citizens United ruling and its far reaching effects represent serious and direct threats to our democracy; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution empowers the people and states to use the constitutional amendment process to correct decisions of the Supreme Court; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Diego City Council respectfully disagrees with the majority opinion and decision of the United States Supreme Court in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission and calls upon the United States Congress to propose and send to the states for ratification a constitutional amendment to overturn Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission and to restore constitutional rights and fair elections to the people.

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUAL DELEGATES
WHO ENDORSE A RESOLUTION
CALLING FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
REVERSING THE CITIZENS UNITED DECISION

Organizations Endorsing Money Out of Politics/San Diego Resolution

California Alliance of Retired Americans
California Clean Money Campaign
California Common Cause
CALPIRG
Center for Policy Initiatives
Green Party of San Diego County
League of Women Voters
Martin Luther King Democratic Club
Mid-City CAN (Community Advocacy Network)
National Lawyers Guild – San Diego Chapter
Older Women’s League (OWL)
Point Loma Democratic Club

Individual Delegates Endorsing MOP/San Diego Resolution

Lorena Gonzalez, Secretary-Treasurer, San Diego & Imperial Counties Labor Council
Lori Saldana (retired state assemblywoman)
Anne Hoiberg, President, Women’s Museum of California
Suzanne Ditmars, Board of Directors, Linda Vista Town Council
Michael Copass, Chapter Leader, Progressive Democrats of American of Metro SD

California Elected Officials Endorsing a Resolution to Amend the Constitution

Dianne Feinstein, United States Senator from California
Barbara Boxer, United States Senator from California
Susan Davis, U.S. Representative for California's 53rd congressional district
Bob Filner, U.S. Representative for California's 51st congressional district
Christine Kehoe, California State Senator
Juan Vargas, California State Senator
Tony Atkins, California State Assembly District 76
Marty Block, California State Assembly District 78
Ben Hueso, California State Assembly District 79

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